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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

TRANSMITTAL

Subs ction (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application

filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999
(AIPA).

Application Number	09/341,894
Filing Date	December 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	Piechaczyk, et al.
Group Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	Joseph T. Weitach
Attorney Docket Number	58256.010200

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 377 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 29, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other: Revocation and New Power of Attorney for Patent Application; Fee Transmittal

2. **Miscellaneous** E3

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-2678

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

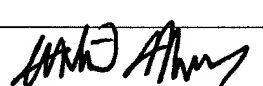
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Michel Morency	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	50,183
Signature		Date	September 8, 2003

FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2003

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 375

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:
- Deposit Account Number 50-2678
- Deposit Account Name Greenberg Traurig, LLP
- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:
- ☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	750	Utility filing fee	
		1002	330	Design filing fee	
		1003	520	Plant filing fee	
		1004	750	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
0	0	0	0
Independent Claims	0	0	0
Multiple Dependent	0	0	0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20
		1201	84	Independent claims in excess of 3
		1203	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
		1204	84	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
		1053	130	Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	410	Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	930	Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,450	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	1,970	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	320	Notice of Appeal	
		1402	320	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	280	Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,300	Petition to revive - unintentional	
		1501	1,300	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		1502	470	Design issue fee	
		1503	630	Plant issue fee	
		1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
		1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		1809	750	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		1810	750	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
		1801	750	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	375.00
		1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 375

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

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